

GRAND JURY PROBE OF MASSACRE IS ORDERED

Probability That Casualty List From Massacre of Strike
Breakers Will Near Fifty Is Expressed—
Slayers Laugh at the Tragedy.

OTHER WARS ARE STARTED TODAY

West Virginia Suffers Two Casualties in Mine Disorders.

Illinois Miners Seem Little Interested in Counting Dead.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, June 23.—President Harding was requested today as regarding the southern Illinois mine disorders as deplorable.

Washington, June 23.—Declaration that those responsible for the southern Illinois mine disorders should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, was made today by Secretary of Labor Davis in a statement issued after consultation with President Harding.

The secretary said one of the unfortunate features of the disorders, which, he added, the department of labor deeply deplored, was that the death of the score or more workers accomplished nothing toward settlement of the coal strike.

Clarkburg, W. Va., June 23.—Two men were killed, a deputy sheriff suffered a broken arm and a dozen other persons received minor injuries when a mob attacked an interurban traction car carrying non-union miners and officers of the Hudson Coal company guarded by deputy sheriffs from this city to the Lewis mine near Reynoldsville this morning.

The mob stopped the car, pulled off the trolley and swarmed aboard. Two of the attacking party were shot as they crawled through windows. The mine was opened on an open shop basis Monday.

Fairmount, W. Va., June 23.—A crowd of men which the authorities estimated at 400, marched thru the streets of Fairmount this morning across the Monongahela river to the east side of the city.

County officials watched the situation on reports that they were headed for working coal miners near North Fairmount.

(By the Associated Press.)
Herrin, June 23.—Official investigation of the mine war which killed 27 men and injured 100 others in response to insistent demands from Gov. Len Small, for action by local authorities, when Coroner McGowan announced that an inquest would be held immediately and State's Attorney Louis L. Dwyer stated that a special grand jury would be convened following the inquest to investigate the massacre.

Authorities Were Negligent.
Col. Hunter, who was sent to Herrin a week ago to report to the governor and Adjutant General Black on the situation, told the governor in today's message that he at the time thought the Williamson coal company authorities could handle the situation and that they should have asked for troops before the rioting started.

The massacre of non-union miners in the woods near the strip mine of the Southern Illinois Coal company, where they were employed was the act of a mob which got beyond control of the cooler miners, looting and attempting to shoot captives to Herrin to "show them off to the boys," according to information gleaned today.

Leaders Forced to Flee.
The leaders it was said finally were compelled to yield to the clamors of the mob that the prisoners "beat it." The fleeing men thereupon were shot down, beaten to death and one was known to have been hanged.

Also a number of the miners shudder at the slaughter all say "they got just what they deserved."

(By the Associated Press.)
Herrin, June 23.—"Gloody" Williamson county is called because of many acts of violence in recent times, most of them accompanied by numerous fatalities, today was preparing for what official action is expected in connection with the massacre at the Lester strip mine when between 27 and 45 persons were slain after striking union miners had stormed the sixty or more strikebreakers operating the mine.

An inquest into the deaths was expected today, Coroner McGowan saying that he hoped today to have time to get to this feature of the affair.

Grand Jury May Come.
There was no indication that a grand jury would be summoned, although this was a possibility, for it was said that officials doubted if they could obtain evidence which would be of any value.

So far as the number of dead was concerned, there still was little but speculation.

A score were in morgues; newspaper men previously had counted twenty-six bodies in the woods and roads; one man died in a hospital. Frank Farrington, state president of the miners, announced that his official reports showed forty-four killed.

Several at Pond's Bottom?
There was little question that the exact number of dead never will be known.

A dozen or so were believed to be at the bottom of a pond.

No one seemed inclined to drag the

STRIKE BLAME PLACED AND RESULTS OF RIOT

(By the Associated Press.)
Cincinnati, June 23.—John L. Lewis, in a statement here today declared, "The United Mine Workers' association is not to any degree responsible for the unfortunate occurrence at Herrin, Ill." He said the organization of which he is president never encouraged or condoned lawlessness.

"Sinister influences," Mr. Lewis declared, "have been at work among the miners who have been the victims of violence." "Coal companies," he asserted, "had employed thousands of detectives to work among striking miners."

McAlester, Okla., June 23.—Reports that the Oklahama coal operators have launched a movement to reopen coal mines of the state on an open shop basis were denied here today by J. B. Wilson, state commissioner for the Oklahoma Coal Operators' association.

Springfield, Ill., June 23.—President John H. Walker of the Illinois Federation of Labor issued a statement here this morning blaming the "forces of greed" that provoked the strike as less during the war, for the mass rioting at Herrin.

Chicago, June 23.—New threats of violence have been made in the Williamson county mine fields within the last twenty-four hours. Dr. F. C. Honold, secretary of the Illinois Coal Operators' association, declared today. He said pamphlets at three mines of the Madison Coal company had been threatened that unless they quit work they would "not the same dose we gave the strike breakers in Herrin."

Chicago, June 23.—W. J. Lester, president of the Southern Illinois Coal company, owners of the Herrin, Ill., mine where the massacre of non-union workmen took place yesterday, declared here today he could not account for the outbreak at the mine and that his chief concern now was "to care for the families of the victims."

(By the Associated Press.)
Herrin, June 23.—This typical coal mining town is approximately 100 miles southeast of St. Louis. Its population lacks just a few persons of being 11,000, the exact number according to the latest population statistics, being 10,998.

It is estimated that easily nine-tenths of these people are miners or are directly or indirectly connected with the coal mining industry.

Foreigners, notably Italians, comprise it is said more than one-third of the population of the country. Many of the foreigners are naturalized.

Three railroads run into the city, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Illinois Central and the Missouri Pacific.

Marion, twelve miles distant, is the county seat and has a population of 9,562. It is the largest city near the scene of the killings.

Chicago, June 23.—The Williamson county mine war has produced a new type of bootlegger—the newspaper bootlegger.

Leads were stands were informed late last night that if they sold any out of town papers containing accounts of the fighting they would be "treated kindly."

The news stands promptly closed up; local papers published comparatively small accounts and news of the fighting in the country. Less news of the massacre published than right here, five miles from the scene of it.

Occasionally a paper can slip in the back way to a news stand—just as if he were seeking a drink, and by whispering softly to the vendor a little package which is hastily slipped into one's pocket. Unfolded, it is that much sought possession—an out of town paper with a complete story of the trouble here.

Needless to say the prices have risen in accordance with the law of supply and demand. The real bootlegger's figures are asked.

Noted for Its Disorders.
The county, which is in the part of southern Illinois called "Little Egypt," has been noted for minor disorders at the mines in the past because of the violence in the mines termed "bloody" Williamson county.

Southern Illinois, with probably the largest numbers of mines in any section of the country, is noted for its mining industry, and differs from the central and northern portions of the state which abounds with farm lands. During normal times virtually all of the 30,000 members in the Illinois miners' union are at work in the mines in the part of the state. Many of the miners own their own homes while the remainder live in houses constructed and owned by the coal companies.

When the strike began April 1, the miners seemingly welcomed the occasion as a vacation. The two months of the strike were spent by the men in repairing their homes, fishing, visiting and some of the foreigners, mainly from the coal fields, declared their intention of visiting relatives in Europe.

Opening of Strip Was Beginning.
The first payments of strike benefits were paid to the striking men about two weeks ago.

Several miles from the mine, which was accompanied by the aid of armed guards, and a machine gun, was the sole topic of discussion.

The three days of mass of coal were taken from the surface pits and some of it shipped away, local officials of the Illinois Miners' union protesting against the act.

But the mining went on uninterrupted until word came from John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers' association, that the men working should be considered as "common strike breakers," and that the "Stamshovel men's" union, were invited to the coal mines to which the men were being sent.

Several hours after this message was received the entire county developed a high nervous tension and the massacre followed.

COMBERS IN AGA No Opposition to Noted Union Leader at Cincinnati.

He Thanks Delegates for Forty-
First Election to Presidency.

NEXT MEETING AT PORTLAND

Frank Morrison of Washington
Not Opposed as Secretary.

J. A. Franklin, Kansas City,
Kan., Defeated for Treasurer.

Convention Hall, Cincinnati, June 23.—The forty-third annual convention of the American Federation of Labor will be held in Portland, Ore., in October, 1923.

The convention so voted this afternoon after considering bids of Houston, Texas, and Portland for the convention. The vote was:

For Portland, 26,174; for Houston, 4,342.

(By the Associated Press.)
Cincinnati, O., June 23.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, declared today without opposition today at the federation's annual convention. It was his forty-first election to the office.

After the unanimous vote had been cast for Mr. Gompers, a demonstration broke loose among the delegates which continued a few minutes.

Gompers thanked the delegates and added: "I shall endeavor to give the best that is in me."

He then declared that when Thomas F. Flaherty of Washington, representing the postoffice clerks' union, was nominated to oppose the reelection of Jacob Fischer of Indianapolis, president of the barbers' union, as seventh vice president of the federation.

The convention also re-elected James L. Duncan of Quincy, Mass., representing the granite cutters' union, as sixth vice president; Frank Duffy, Indianapolis, carpenters' union, third vice president; William Green of Indianapolis, miners' union, fourth vice president; W. D. Mahon, Detroit, street car men's union, fifth vice president; and T. R. Rickert, Chicago, garment workers' union, sixth vice president.

Fischer defeated Mr. Flaherty for seventh vice president on a vote of 17,725 to 12,279, and then Matthew Wolf, of Chicago, representing the electricians' union, was elected eighth vice president without a contest.

The election of officers was completed except election of fraternal delegates by the re-election without opposition of Frank Morrison, of Washington, as secretary.

He is member of the printers' union and had been secretary for twenty-five years.

In the second contest, Daniel J. Tobin, of Indianapolis, president of the Teamsters' union, was re-elected as treasurer over Joseph A. Franklin, of Kansas City, Kan., president of the Bootmakers' union. The vote was: Tobin, 18,519; Franklin, 12,542.

DR. W. A. NIXON ARRESTED

Great Bend Physician Is Held Pending
Action of Supreme Court.

Wichita, June 23.—Dr. W. A. Nixon, Great Bend physician under life sentence for first degree murder in connection with the slaying of Arthur C. Banta, Great Bend attorney and son of the district judge, on the night of last July 2, was arrested here today under orders of the Kansas supreme court, according to a telephone message received here by E. E. Fitzpatrick, deputy fire marshal. Doctor Nixon had been at liberty on bond pending appeal to the supreme court.

Action of the supreme court in the Nixon case is in keeping with a policy established several years ago. As soon as an affirmative decision is agreed upon in an appeal in a first degree murder case, the court orders the defendant committed to the county jail.

This policy was followed by the court recently when it affirmed the conviction of a defendant in the Maple road farm case. Similar action has been taken in other appeals.

The old policy of announcing a decision before taking a defendant into custody has had several unfortunate results in Kansas. Don A. Van Womer, convicted of killing the Morton county sheriff a few years ago, could not be found when his case was decided by the supreme court. His bondsman paid \$25,000 to get him out of work for an entire year. Scott charged, because "the work they were doing is being done in outside shops."

It is probable that an early special session of the house of representatives will be called to consider the Nixon case. Doctor Nixon was convicted of the killing of Arthur C. Banta, a lawyer and son of District Judge A. C. Banta, in 1918.

When an accomplice in the case turned state's evidence, the case was recently presented before the supreme court on appeal from the Barton county district court.

SECOND LIEUT. STAY THERE

Suspension of Promotion for Army
Officers Below Colonel Denied?

Washington, June 23.—Suspension of promotion of all army officers below the grade of colonel, effective at once, was understood to have been decided by the senate military committee today.

CHILD KILLED BY PEA

Salina, Kan., June 23.—Wayne Landon, 3 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Landon, living near Russell, tried to swallow a pea last evening which lodged in his throat. In a few minutes the child choked to death.

"Worse Than World War" Says Escaped Miner Victim

Graphic Story of Slayings Told by Fred Bernard, World
War Veteran, Who Escaped Death After Having
Been Taken Prisoner at Herrin Mines.

(By International News Service.)
Chicago, June 23.—"Boys, I was in the great war, but this mine war, they didn't give us a chance," declared Fred Bernard, Chicagoan, one of four guards who escaped death after having been taken prisoner by the enraged union miners of Williamson county, who yesterday horrified the nation when they massacred nearly a score of men after they had surrendered.

Bernard, wearing a hat pierced with a bullet, snatched from the dead body of one of his comrades left dead in the woods, reached Chicago today. His life, he said, he owed to a membership in the "Red Guard."

Bernard told a graphic story of the killings of yesterday which threatened the establishing of martial law in the "war zone."

"I saw them beating one of our men to death," Bernard said, "and then, after his body lay motionless on the ground, two men with automatics pumped him full of slugs."

"One of our guards was caught in the wire entanglements; they filled him full of lead."

"I managed to escape by disobeying a command. When the commander of the miners said, 'turn right,' I turned left. I plunged headlong forward."

"A hail of lead flew all around me. I fell to the ground. There I lay, more dead than alive, and was recaptured."

HAGEN WINS OPEN WHEAT IS BETTER

Course of Four Rounds Done In
300 by American Pro.

Barnes Is Second and Hutch-
ison Thrd at Sandwich.

(By the Associated Press.)
Sandwich, June 23.—America stood virtually alone, three, in the British open golf championship decided here today. Walter Hagen of Detroit, won the championship with an aggregate score of 300.

Jim Barnes of Pelham, was tied with Geo. Duncan of Great Britain for second with 301, and Jack Hutchison of Scotland won the title for 1921, came next with 302.

Sandwich, June 23.—Walter Hagen, the American professional golf star, did the fourth round in the British open golf championship today in 72, giving him an aggregate for the four rounds of 300, and won the championship.

Hagen's fourth round card:
Out 544 543 334-35
In 455 544 246-37-72
Hutchison's final round:
Out 443 743 434-36
In 545 455 444-40-74

At the fourth hole, Hutchison put his second shot out of bounds when he overplayed the green. The penalty of two strokes cost a seven for the hole.

Hagen played masterful golf, his birdie four at the 655-yard fourteenth being the gem of his round. He smashed a brassie second to within four yards of the pin.

Jim Barnes, the American open champion, made a fine effort to catch Hagen, but failed by a shot. He played the final round in 73 for a total of 301, thus losing out Hutchison for second place by a shot.

The tournament has been a clean sweep for the Americans.

ATTACK ON FORD'S OFFER

Alabama Property Interests Say His
Nitrates Offer "Outrageous."

Washington, June 23.—Henry Ford's offer to purchase and lease the government's power and nitrate properties in Alabama, Ala., was attacked again today by witnesses testifying before the senate agricultural committee on proposals designed to develop the state's resources.

Philip Wells of Middleton, Conn., former law officer of the forestry service, and administrative assistant to Gifford Pinchot when he was chief of that service, declared he had never seen a proposition made to the government to lease the weather station at Topeka, Kan., as that made by Mr. Ford.

ASKS A RECESS IN HOUSE

One to Five Weeks' Rest After June
30, Asked by Mondell.

Washington, June 23.—A complete recess of the house of representatives for one or five weeks from June 30 was proposed this afternoon by Republican Leader Mondell.

The recess could be effected by an adjournment for that period under a concurrent resolution to be passed by the house and senate.

NEW POLICE RULE EXTRA CAUTION IN LONDON NOW AFTER SLAYING

Chief Leonard Announces Program for Conduct of Dept.
Personnel of Clean, Honest,
Hard Fighting Policemen.

JESSE HILL IS NAMED CAPTAIN
Successor to New Chief on
Force Nine Years.

Ten Important Rules Adopted
by Chief Leonard.

Every effort will be made to bring about in the Topeka police department a personnel of clean, honest, straightforward, quick thinking, hard fighting men, Morris Leonard, newly appointed chief, asserted today in announcing his program for the future conduct of the department.

Chief Leonard also announced the appointment of Detective Jesse Hill as captain of police to succeed Leonard himself. Hill has been with the department for nine years and probably knows more about the ins and outs of Topeka's underworld than any other man on the force. He is regarded as a man of large abilities, good character and wide experience in police work. He served as a detective during the last three years of his service with the force and made an enviable record.

Best Man Available.
"In appointing Mr. Hill as captain," said Chief Leonard, "I feel that I have selected the best man available for this particular position. He is thoroughly familiar with the department and the men and knows more about the criminal element of the city than any man I can think of. His detective work has been highly satisfactory and I feel that he will be a credit to this department."

Chief Leonard said there will probably be no extensive use of the axe in the department at the present time but that he made it plain that any men on the force who believed it would be the best policy for them to do so should take this opportunity to do so.

No Part in Politics.
Declaring that one of the greatest failings of the department in the past has been petty jealousies and dissensions, he laid down the rule of harmony and co-operation as implicit requirements of every man on the force. He made taboo under the new rulings and the men forbidden to take any part in political campaigns.

He did not say he would be radical and hard-headed about these things, the chief stated, "but there has got to be a change made. I'm going to ask the 'knock out' of the department for that has been one of the main troubles with it in the past."

He said he would lay down the law and believe this department can be made the equal of any in the country and if there are not enough men in Topeka to do this, he will get more. He said he will go elsewhere to get them.

"We cannot bring order out of chaos in a day, and consequently I'm going to ask the good citizens of Topeka to bear with us in patience while we strive to bring about the new conditions. I don't doubt I will make mistakes. But I am going to try to profit by the mistakes which I have observed and studied during my years of experience in this force."

Must Be No Knockers.
"A house divided against itself cannot stand. Therefore, on my part, I will be in regard to harmony. Information has come to me that several men have said some uncomplimentary things about me. I don't care. I bear no malice because of this. The past is forgotten and it is to the future that I am going to look. From now on, there must be no knocking on any man in this department by any of his fellows and if this ever happens I am going to stand up and do it."

Call on his star.
"Topeka needs a new jail very badly and the department needs more and better equipment. I am going to ask you to help me in this. I am going to ask you to help me in this. I am going to ask you to help me in this."

Rules of New Chief.
The program of rules adopted by Chief Leonard is as follows:

1. The prime requirement in this department will be unquestioning and immediate obedience to orders.

2. Harmony being required to make the work of the department successful, it will be necessary for every man to cooperate with his fellow officers.

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COUNTY INSTITUTE CLOSES

Robert Stone and James Troutman
Talk to Teachers Today.

The last session of the Shawnee county teachers' institute was held today in the south assembly hall of the Topeka high school. The institute opened Monday, and has continued through today. About seventy-five teachers were enrolled.

Another institute at the Topeka high school will be opened for the county next summer according to E. F. Stanley, supervisor of the present institute. The 1923 institute will probably be held in June.

Robert Stone, of Topeka, addressed the teachers this morning at the assembly period. A special address was given by the teachers' association.

James Troutman, at the close of the final session Joseph Jordan, county superintendent of public instruction, gave the teachers instructions for the next school term.

WILL CONNECT WITH SANTA FE

Durango, Colo., to Gallup, N. M., Is
Line of Proposed Railroad.

Development company stating as its purpose the construction of a railroad from Durango, Colo., to Gallup, N. M., to connect with the Santa Fe lines at the latter point, filed incorporation papers with Secretary of State Milliken here yesterday.

EXTRA CAUTION

IN LONDON NOW
AFTER SLAYING

Policemen Guarding House
Were Kept There Without Arms

Two Assassins of Sir Henry
Captured by Unarmed Men.

OTHER DEATHS SCHEDULED?

Same Markings Found on Other
Houses as on Wilson's.

Scotland Yard Busy Probing the
Actual Basis of Slaying.

London, June 23.—The whole Irish situation will be debated in the house of commons Monday and Tuesday. Questions put to the government today showed the members are laboring under the greatest indignation.

(By the Associated Press.)
Belfast, June 23.—The situation here is one of great anxiety today owing to the high state of feeling over the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson in London.

Special precautions were taken in the disturbed areas, but the military and police were forced to fire on mobs several times.

The casualties by mid-afternoon were six wounded. The area mainly affected is situated between Grosvenor street and Falls road. Virtually every member of the Ulster government is under police protection.

Dublin, June 23.—Richard Mulcahy, minister of defense in the Irish provisional government today, denied that James Connolly and John O'Brien, assassins of Field Marshal Wilson, have any connection with the Irish Republican army or the Irish free state army.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, June 23.—Fifteen men and one woman were arrested in the raids throughout London last night in connection with the assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson. It was announced in the house of commons this morning by Austen Chamberlain, the government minister in charge of the police.

He stated that every step possible was being taken for the protection of life in Ireland and England, and international relations. The discussion of the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson, he stated, was now holding a conference on all matters connected with the assassination of Mr. Wilson.

The assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, the Irish minister of defense, was a serious blow to England to the depths. Mingled with feelings of sorrow and dismay are apprehensions of further outrages, as Sir Henry was a member of parliament.

While the actual murderers were taken, he handed, a strenuous hunt for possible instigators of the crime is being conducted and detectives last night raided known haunts of Sinn Fein. The government is in touch with the reports of a Sinn Fein plot, the statement is made that certain houses, including the Wilson residence, have been heavily marked recently and the home of Lord Carson in Eaton place was guarded by armed police last night.

Field Marshal Wilson, it is learned, had received threatening letters for some time from anonymous and other sources, but paid no heed to them.

May Arm Police Again.
The question of again arming the police with automatic pistols is being considered by the government and Scotland yard in view of the tragedy.

London, June 23.—James O'Brien, an Irishman, the Irish minister of defense, who assassinated Field Marshal Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, former chief of the British imperial general staff, on the doorstep of his home yesterday, were arraigned in police court today and remanded for eight days to await the opening of the trial.

Following a conference between Premier Lloyd George and Edward Shortt, chief of the Irish police, the government would request Michael Collins, chief of the Irish national government, to make several arrests in Dublin of the Irish.

Was Begun in Capital?
It is understood Scotland Yard is in possession of information indicating that the Irish government was in the British capital.

If Collins is asked to assist the British government in running down the conspirators he may precipitate a new crisis between the Irish free states and the republicans.

It is believed both Connolly and O'Brien have served in the Irish republican army. They have been in London for some time, it is now learned. Previously they had been reported they came from Dublin on Wednesday, supposedly to kill Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, but they were employed for a time as a government watchman. Documents bearing upon the fight for republicanism in Ireland were found upon both men.

It was revealed by Austen Chamberlain, the government spokesman, that police have made a series of raids, seizing a quantity of arms and incendiary fuses for fire bombs. Fifteen men and one woman were arrested on the charge of illegally possessing arms and ammunition.

BILL'S PHOTO HIS PROTECTION.
Dog, Too Large for Collar, Romus

Salina, Kan., June 23.—Bully is a collie dog, belonging to ex-Mayor J. P. Putnam. His dogship's tax has been paid, but because his neck is so thick that it had to be cut off, he wears a collar, but he will not be shot, or even caught, by the dog catcher.

Bully's picture is in the police station on the captain's desk, and every morning before the dog catcher goes to work he takes a look at the picture, which is the dog's only protection.